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SUBJ: OLD WINE IN NEW BOTTLE - CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET

CHOSEN IN BALUCHISTAN

SUMMARY: AFTER ELEVEN MONTHS OF NON-CABINET GOVERNMENT IN BALUCHISTAN, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS PUT TOGETHER A PATCHWORK GOVERNMENT FOR THE PROVINCE. WITH GREAT FANFARE, PAK PRESS DECEMBER 6 AND 7 ANNOUNCED THE RESTORATION OF CABINET LEADERSHIP IN BALUCHISTAN WITH ASSEMBLY SPEAKER BAROZAI AS CHIEF MINISTER. THE NEW CABINET HAS PLEDGED TO WORK HARD TO JUSTIFY THE PM'S FAITH IN IT. BUT THIS AD HOC AMALGAMATION IS ONLY A TEMPORARY DIVERSION FROM THE TRADITIONAL FACTIONAL JEALOUSIES AND INTRIGUES OF BALUCHISTAN POLITICS. END SUMMARY.

1. DECEMBER 7 PAKISTAN PRESS REPORTED THAT ON PREVIOUS MORNING BALUCHISTAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MOHAMMAD KHAN BAROZAI WAS CHOSEN AS CHIEF MINISTER. NEW CABINET CONSISTS OF BAROZAI AIDED BY GHAUS BAKHSH RAISANI, MIAN SAIFULLAH KHAN PARACHA, MISS FAZILA ALIANI, NASRUATULLAH SANJARI AND TAIUMR SHAH JOGEZIA. (DIVISION OF PORTFOLIOS AND BIO INFO WILL BE REPORTED BY AIRGRAM). THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT GOVERNOR AHMED YAR WILL BE REMOVED FROM

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2. PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ALSO MET AFTERNOON DECEMBER 6 AND ELECTED JAM MIR GHULAM QADIR KHAN, FORMER CHIEF MINISTER, AS SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY. THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS ALSO A TIME FOR PROMISES AND TRIBUTES. THE NEW CABINET PRAISED THE SERVICE JAM SAHIB HAD GIVEN THE PROVINCE AND COUNTRY AS CHIEF MINISTER. (UNDOUBTEDLY ACCOLADES GIVEN WITH SOME IRONY CONSIDERING THE CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND MALADMINISTRATION THAT BROUGHT DOWN THE HAM SAHIB'S MINISTRY ELEVEN MONTHS AGO.) ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ALSO THANKED THE PM FOR FULFILLING HIS PROMISE TO RESTORE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO THE PROVINCE. ALL OFFICIALS HELD OUT PROMISES FOR HONEST, HARD-WORKING GOVERNMENT UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON NEW GOVERNMENT WAS LAUDATORY WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

3. NEW CABINET WAS ANNOUNCED DURING PM'S FOURTH VISIT TO PROVINCE SINCE THIS SPRING. THE DECISION TO RESTORE CABINET RULE REFLECTS BHUTTO'S ASSESSMENT THAT AFTER ELEVEN MONTHS, AND CONTINUAL INTERNECINE WRANGLING IN THE BALUCHISTAN PPP, IT WAS TIME TO RESTORE A SEMBLANCE OF ORDER TO PARTY POLITICS IN THE PROVINCE. THE PM WAS NOT UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO MAKE THE MOVE, BUT HE PROBABLY BELIEVED THAT, ON BALANCE, A RESHUFFLED CABINET WITH A NEW CHIEF MINISTER WAS NOW IN THE PPP'S INTEREST.

4. THE EFFECTS OF THE CHANGE WILL BE LIMITED SINCE THE NEW GOVERNMENT CONTAINS BASICALLY SAME DRAMATIS PERSONAE WHO WERE ACTIVE IN BALUCHISTAN POLITICS BEFORE GOVERNOR'S RULE IMPOSED AT END OF LAST YEAR. NOTABLE ADDITION IS FAZILA ALIANI AS FIRST WOMAN CABINET MEMBER IN THE PROVINCE. THE BAROZAI MINISTRY IS THEREFORE A PATCHWORK EFFORT TO RETURN A SEMBLANCE OF POLITICAL NORMALCY TO THE PROVINCE RATHER THAN AN EXPRESSION OF STABLE, INSTITUTIONALIZED GOVERNMENT. THE DEMONSTRATION OF UNITY IN THE UNOPPOSED ELECTIONS OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND THE SPEAKER IS MORE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A POLITICAL TRUCE UNDER THE PM AND THE PPP, THAN A UNIFIED PROVINCIAL PARTY PREPARED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER ELEMENTS IN THE BALUCHISTAN POLITICAL FIELD.
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